

AUTOMOBILE FOR RURAL CARRIERS

Preliminary Tests Have Shown That Machine Will Prove Satisfactory.

CLIMB GRADES WITH EASE

Carriers Will Be Forced to Provide Their Own Service Cars.

From Our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—The plan of co-operation for the improvement of public roads inaugurated several months ago between the Postoffice Department, the Department of Agriculture and various State highway officials, is developing satisfactory results. A letter received at the Postoffice Department from the State engineer and surveyor of New York states that a bulletin is to be issued furnishing directions and suggestions for the guidance of local officials having care and authority over public highways in the State of New York, and that it is desired to publish therein the requirements of the Department relative to the establishment and maintenance of rural delivery routes. Assistant Postmaster-General DeGraw has communicated with State Engineer Van Alstyne, and hopes to secure co-operation of the New York State road officials in the general movement for good roads.

Rural Delivery Routes.
The requirements of the Department concerning establishment and maintenance of rural delivery routes include a condition precedent to the establishment of a route that roads shall be in good condition, unobstructed by gates, and that there shall be no unbridged creeks or unfordable places. These requirements have resulted in the expenditure of many thousands of dollars all over the country in road improvements and bridge-building by communities which desired the benefits of rural delivery mail. Failure to make roads covered by rural routes in condition to be traveled with facility and safety at all seasons of the year is considered sufficient cause for withdrawal of rural delivery service for a community.

Plan of Co-operation.
The plan of co-operation referred to includes forwarding to State road commissioners reports from rural carriers concerning the condition of roads on rural routes, also that postmasters shall ascertain the condition of roads in the vicinity of their postoffices and forward reports directly to the State Highway Commission. The State Highway Commission has sent out a list of questions to be filled in by rural carriers, giving information relative to the highways which they traverse in delivering mail. Information as to methods used in keeping roads in repair is also being disseminated in this manner. The State Road Commissions of Wisconsin and Missouri joined in this movement some months ago and are now actively co-operating with the Postmaster-General Cortelyou and his assistants believe the rural delivery service can render great assistance in the important matter of improving the public highways and hope, within a short time, to have co-operation of all State road officials.

Autos On the Road.
Official tests have recently been made by direction of the Postoffice Department of the adaptability of automobiles to the rural delivery service. Two rural routes, which, though starting within easy reach of the city, the adverse conditions of rocky and "corduroy" roads, steep grades and mud-holes to be found in more remote communities, were selected for the experiment. So far as the practical requirements of the Department, all the automobiles used in the tests were backboards of four horse-power, with a wheel gauge of 42 inches, propelled by a single-cylinder, air-cooled gasoline engine, and with a steering wheelboard got over the bad roads without delay, or disaster. Some of the points noted in its favor by the agent of the department who made the trips were the absolute control of the machine by the operator, the precision with which it reached properly-placed rural boxes, the ease with which it climbed and descended steep, rough and dangerous hills and waded through mud-holes, and the thorough protection of the mail during a heavy rain storm.

Three routes, which, by ordinary horse conveyance, took a little over seventeen hours to serve, were fully and satisfactorily covered by the motor cars in less than half the time.

The average cost of fuel consumed in operating these test machines was computed to be less than one cent and one-tenth per mile. The adaptability of motor transportation to rural delivery service was demonstrated in a convincing manner, the question of its practicability as applied to all sections of the country remains a matter for consideration. The element of the original cost of the motor car is one which will have to be taken into account in making a comparison of the cost of the motor car as compared with the cost of the horse and carriage. The order of the Postmaster-General provides exactly the contrary. All boxes must be made of galvanized sheet iron or sheet steel of certain specified dimensions. Wooden boxes are regarded as unsatisfactory and are not to be used. The requirements of the department, and all such boxes now in use will be gradually eliminated from the service.

IOWA COMPROMISE.

Stand-Patters May Not Oppose Cummins for Governorship.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ST. LOUIS, MO., July 22.—A third proposition to compromise the governorship fight has been agreed to by the "stand-pat" faction in a Chicago conference. Although formal opposition will not be made until next week, it is that Governor Cummins will be given the right of a compromise without consideration of the balance of the ticket being "stand pat."

Advices from Des Moines are that this proposition, which is considered even more presumptuous than the others, will be declined. The plan is looked upon as a desperate scheme of the corporate influence to secure control of the Lieutenant-Governor, and, above all, the Executive Council, which fixes the railroad assessments. A compromise on the proposed basis would be a virtual victory for the railroads.

Friends of Mr. Perkins here consider it a scheme to secure to him the complete rule of the corporations power be prevented.

PRESIDENT READY FOR NEXT HOUSE

Determined That It Shall Be Republican. He is Now Advising Managers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 22.—President Roosevelt has determined that the next House of Representatives shall be Republican. On the record of last winter's work there are many things to indicate that he will endeavor to make this determination effective.

"Already he has thrown the weight of his administration into the scales and has made known his willingness to advise with the campaign managers and give to them the benefit of his political insight and constructive strategy."

The President's eight-hour edict last Monday is regarded as one of the most valuable campaign contributions that could have been made to the Republican cause, also the general order extending the Saturday half-holiday to all mechanics and laborers under the government department.

On Monday he is to talk over the whole matter with Speaker Cannon, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Treasurer McKinley, of the Congressional Campaign Committee.

One of the things which probably will be determined is that Speaker Cannon will go on the stump at the Littlefield Hotel. Mr. Littlefield succeeded in getting on the wrong side of organized labor, and he is feeling the effects. The speaker is one of the best campaigners in the House, and he is to go to the rescue.

Great Deal at Stake.
In this move there is more at stake than the seat of Mr. Littlefield. A Maine election comes a month in advance of the other States, and should organized labor succeed in unseating Littlefield the effect would be decidedly to the disadvantage of the Republican cause in other doubtful districts having a large labor vote.

It is just at this point that the President's eight-hour edict becomes effective. In directing Secretary Taft to vitiate and order the enforcement of this antiquated law as to all government work, done under contract or otherwise, the President is not only complying with the specific demand of organized labor, but he takes from Democratic spellbinders one of the choicest morsels they had cooked up for their political opponents on the stump. They had carefully planned a history of the last session of Congress. This history included the coup which several Democratic members of the Labor Committee put through, which resulted in placing the eight-hour bill on the House calendar at the last moment of the session, where it still remains.

After all, perhaps, the most difficult task which will confront the Sagamore Hill conference on Monday is the persistent with which some Republican States set up their own "ideas" on the tariff question. It was hard during the last session for Republican speakers to answer Democratic tariff speeches without being very positive that the thing to do was to "stand pat."

The only loose end left was in the oft-repeated phrase that any way when the tariff did not revise its friends were the ones for it.

Will Be Aggressive.
There are indications that on this question Republican speakers will be more aggressive than in the past. The aggressive element of the argument, it is pointed out, that it can readily be shown that if the Democratic party had its absolute way and could revise the tariff, the expenses of the government, under the most economical administration possible, could not be met from the tariff. This line of argument might, please such States as Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Iowa to a large extent, while strong "stand pat" speeches could be made in other sections of the country, neither of which would conflict from an argumentative point of view.

There will, without doubt, be a "point with pride" department to the Republican campaign, wherein will be reviewed the trust curbing propensities of the present administration, backed up with zeal by a Republican Congress. Railroad rates, pure food, meat inspection, Statehood, all these and many other things which are called "stand-pat" by the Republican party will be set forth with the proper amount of red fire accompaniments, not forgetting the argument that with a Democratic House legislation would come to a standstill, while with a Republican President and a Republican Senate the necessary satisfactory business conditions of the country are not likely to become unsettled.

The conference for Monday is understood to be but the first of a series to be held at Sagamore Hill during the progress of the campaign, and conference Monday will far from become a distinct feature of the summer capital.

Richmonders in New York.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, July 22.—St. Denis, R. W. Gunn; Fifth Avenue, W. F. Patterson; Imperial, V. G. Hatcher; J. J. Pollard; C. B. Guthrie; A. Phillips; York, J. Murphy and wife, G. P. Davis; A. K. Vest; Marlborough, E. C. Pelouze; F. V. Abbott; O. V. Farmer; Martin, B. B. Blain; Herald Square, A. B. Pope; Manhattan, E. W. Magruder, Dr. A. G. Thomas.

One Advantage.
City Man (earningly)—When it's hot I am told that the mercury frequently stands at 110 in the shade here.

Farmer (smiling cheerily)—Well, you don't suffer stay in the shade, ye know, Puck.

THREAT TO KIDNAP TWO HARTJE CHILDREN



Mrs. Hartje, defendant in the famous Pittsburgh divorce case, and her two pretty children, who are closely guarded to prevent their abduction.

SWORD EXPERT KEEPS IN TRIM BY JABS AT WIFE

Mrs. Barbara Bartz Tires of Acting on Defensive in Many Exhibitions of Husband's Skill, and Gets Divorce.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 22.—After living at the wrong end of a sword for several years, Mrs. Barbara Bartz, 2655 Lawrence Avenue, finally tired of dodging, ducking and sidestepping, and has been given a divorce by Judge Heard.

From the testimony, it appears to the court, that years ago James Bartz was a military man of no small distinction. With the sword he was the wonder of the city, but to the ear as well. There was never a dull moment when Bartz was in the house. Things—the sword, slippers, and dresser drawers—were coming her way all the time.

Mrs. Bartz stated to the court that early in her married life she had had a strong dislike for her husband's military exercises, but that this feeling had ceased to permeate her soul and that she would be contented if the court would allow her to go through the rest of her life without even hearing so much as the shrill note of a bugle.

"But my husband used to enjoy going through the motions very much. It was great sport for him." The court agreed with Mrs. Bartz, and she left the court a free woman.

HYPNOTIZED SIX YEARS, SHE SAYS

Woman Claims Property from Which She Declares Suggestion Kept Her.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CAMDEN, N. J., July 22.—A strange story of hypnotic influence and auto-suggestion lasting six years was told by Mrs. Mary Wheeler, of Baltimore, to Justice of the Peace Wright, of this city, yesterday. She has retained a lawyer to obtain possession of a considerable property. The property is part of the estate of Mrs. Ellen Williams, who died in August, 1900, leaving considerable personal property, several houses and lots and a small farm.

Mrs. Wheeler, who is about sixty years old, said that she was a near relative. On receiving notice of her death she came from Baltimore to Camden to attend the funeral.

After the services, Mrs. Wheeler says, the will was read, and it provided that the property should be divided equally among her four children, of whom she was one. It was decided to have two lawyers, who are now dead, settle the estate.

Mrs. Wheeler said she was taken ill, and when she recovered she became acquainted with a man who possessed hypnotic powers, and to whom she revealed the fact that she was heir to property in this city.

The woman says she believes she was hypnotized. She says that many times she made up her mind to come to this city to get her inheritance, but that every time she attempted this she was taken ill. She had forty cards of admission to hospitals, which showed that she had been treated for many kinds of illness.

She was sitting at the supper table eating what seemed to her like tasteless food when suddenly she felt like a new woman. Her mind, which at times had been inactive, suddenly became clear and all the incidents relating to her inheritance came back to her. She came to this city at once. She says the other beneficiaries are dead, and that she is now the sole heir to the estate.

MAN FELL FROM HOTEL WINDOW AND WAS KILLED

(By Associated Press.)
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., July 22.—If K. Morgan, aged thirty-five, a traveling salesman for a local house, but living in Asheville, N. C., fell from a third-story window at the Southern Hotel at about 2:30 o'clock this morning, sustaining injuries from which he died shortly after daylight. That the fall was purely accidental is confidently believed by all who saw the young man during the evening. His remains were shipped to his home.

PLOT TO STEAL HARTJE CHILDREN

Philadelphia Man Tells of Three Who Were Preparing to Raid Home of Papermaker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 22.—Though officially announcing that he had dropped the Hartje kidnapping plot, because the Pittsburgh authorities made the matter public and spoiled the chance of capturing the conspirators, Captain Donaghy subsequently turned loose on the case his whole force of detectives.

Willis R. Brooks, of No. 1438 West Venango Street, is the man who told the story of the kidnapping conspiracy. Yesterday Mr. Brooks told more in detail what he overheard as he was sitting in Hunting Park, concealed by some shrubbery. Through the shrubbery were three men, engaged in an animated conversation about the Hartje children.

"The man was in the employ of some one connected with the scandal," said Mr. Brooks, "for he who appeared to be the leader of the trio assured the others that the children would be placed in a spot where they could be got at without danger. They were to be paid for the work, and the spokesman of the trio assured his companions that he already had their tickets to Pittsburgh and money enough to get them sufficiently far away afterward to be beyond the reach of the law."

This man was from Pittsburgh. One of the other two was from Camden, and the third was from this city. The two seemed to hesitate because they feared the consequence of the attempt. The leader laughed at their fears, and told them over and over again how the thing would be done, and how safe it was. They were to leave for Pittsburgh at 7 o'clock in the morning.

"I went to a long distance telephone, and after an hour and a half got Mr. Hartje and told him what I had heard. He was not very pleasant. He told me to write him a letter in the morning."

"I think I made a mistake in speaking to him. I should have talked to Mrs. Hartje. She would have been more interested. I think it might have helped her in the case."

PEACE REIGNING IN COAL FIELDS AGAIN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, July 22.—For the purpose of showing the condition of the anthracite coal fields two months after the close of the recent suspension, the following statement was authorized to-day on behalf of the anthracite coal operators:

"The labor situation in the anthracite region is to-day one of profound peace. In all the coal fields no strikes are in progress. The output of anthracite for June was 5,676,018 tons, only slightly below the output for June, 1905."

"The agreement extending the operation of the award of the Anthracite Strike Commission until April 1, 1909, has been accepted by the miners and the operators. The workers who absented themselves, as a result of the suspension ordered by President Mitchell on April 1st, and discontinued on May 18th, by agreement with the operators, have returned or been replaced. The output of anthracite for June was 5,676,018 tons, only slightly below the output for June, 1905."

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Primaries in Texas.
(By Associated Press.)
HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 22.—At the Democratic primary elections to be held Saturday, July 28th, nominees for Governor and Congressman in the sixteen congressional districts will be selected. The contest for the gubernatorial nomination will be between the late Governor, who was elected in 1902, and the late Governor, who was elected in 1902.

Funeral of Mr. Higgins.
The funeral of Mr. John M. Higgins, who died Friday night, will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Peter's Cathedral and interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Caughey, a daughter of Mr. Higgins, who was on her way from Europe at the time of Mr. Higgins' death, arrived in the city yesterday.

BRISTOL'S BREAST

And many other painful and serious ailments from which most mothers suffer, can be avoided by the use of "Mother's Friend." This great remedy is a God-send to women, carrying them through their most critical ordeal with safety and no pain. No woman who uses "Mother's Friend" need fear the suffering and danger incident to birth; for it robs the ordeal of its horror and insures safety to life of mother and child, and leaves her in a condition more favorable to speedy recovery. The child is also healthy, strong and good natured. Our book "Motherhood," is worth its weight in gold to every woman, and will be sent free in plain envelope by addressing application to Bradfield Regulator Co. Atlanta, Ga.

BRIEF ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE

LONDON.—J. Pierpont Morgan spent \$3,000,000 for art treasures on his foreign tour.

BURLINGTON, N. J.—Mrs. Cora Marter, who dropped into a deep slumber on Tuesday, awakened after sleeping four days.

PHILADELPHIA.—The city, hitherto comparatively free of mosquitoes, fell a victim to a genuine mosquito plague.

PARIS.—The action of the French chamber of commerce, "Bourse du Travail" of the Legion of Honor, has been approved.

PHILADELPHIA.—Landis Ferry, a farmer raising a crop of buckwheat on the roof of his barn near Sellingsgrove.

PASADENA, CAL.—The body of Miss Euphemia H. Wilmarth, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was found in a pool of blood in the house she occupied at Pasadena.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Several business men at Greco City, Cal., have been arrested for robbing Indian graves.

BARNARD, MO.—After cutting the throat of his wife, Mrs. Cora Marter, Edward Walker, a farmer, died from slitting his own throat.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Mrs. Elizabeth Yates, who deserted her husband at Smith's Landing, N. J., died of starvation at 105 South Street. A fifteen-year-old son, Edward, in a nervous condition from want of food, and four younger children were crying from hunger.

HAMMERFEST, NORWAY.—Walter Wellman established wireless telegraphic communication from Dunes Island, Spitzbergen, and announced that he would start for the Pole in his balloon in August.

LONDON.—The thirty people of Great Britain deposited in the Post Office

HAYMEYER WEDS RUSSIAN VESSELS

Widow of Travers Will Come Here Direct Service, Interrupted by the War With Japan, Will Now Be Operated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, July 22.—That plan of a direct steamship service between this and Russian ports, which was precipitously abandoned on the outbreak of the war between Russia and Japan, is now to be carried out in its entirety. The service will be operated by the Smolensk, of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, now on her way from Libau to this port. C. D. Richards and Co., of No. 31 Broad Street, New York, are general American agents for the line.

The Smolensk, which during the war with Japan was known as the Rion, is a large, fast and fine steamship. She was built in 1902 by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is one of the Russian Volunteer Fleet steamers, and is 507 feet over all, 55 feet beam and 37 feet depth moulded and of 7,300 tons register. She has an overhanging clipper bow and three funnels, and presents a strikingly handsome appearance. On a length of 24 feet she was designed to carry 6,500 tons dead weight, 1,400 cabin and stowage passengers and a crew of 174 all told.

Her twin engines have a horse-power of 16,500 (indicated), with 24 Belleville boilers giving her a speed of over 20 knots. It is reported that the Russian Volunteer Fleet will henceforth receive from Russia the same support which other vessels have received from the government. The fleet is to be employed as auxiliary cruisers and delegated to prevent any attempt on the part of neutrals to carry contraband of war to the enemy. The vessels are the Smolensk, the Petersburg and the Saratov.

WILL REPRESENT RICE CHESS CLUB

World's Champion Will Compete in State Tournament Opening at Trenton Falls To-Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, July 22.—Among the competitors who will take part in the annual Rice trophy tournament at Trenton Falls, N. Y., to-morrow, will be the world's champion, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, who has not figured in a tournament of any kind since the international event at Cambridge Springs, Pa., in 1904. He will represent the Rice Chess Club, of this city, in the approaching contest. It will be the first time in the history of the tournament that a world's champion has participated in any event arranged by it.

Although the Manhattan and Brooklyn Chess clubs are well represented by Charles Curt, the outcome of the competition has a foregone conclusion. The New York section of the Lasker-Moroczy championship match in 1904, which was practically a drawing, was decided by the problem of the problem placed at the disposal of the association. Philadelphia and Boston players, which in all likelihood will be a larger one than that of last year. There will also be a tournament of the tournament, and an interstate match. Play will begin either to-morrow afternoon or evening.

Beginning at Nuremberg, Germany, to-morrow, the fifteenth Congress of the German Chess Association will convene. Many of the masters who participated in the recent international event at Ostend, in all likelihood the American, Marshall, who finished only seventh at Ostend, will play at Nuremberg and attempt to retrieve his fortunes and re-establish the confidence of his American friends. Marshall, who was somewhat disappointed when he failed to fulfill his prediction, made before starting abroad, to an effect given at his death, he would win the Ostend tournament.

You will never find time for anything, if you want time you must take it.—Buxton.

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President Roosevelt committed himself to the local press to see if he guessed right. Dallas News.

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